

CMRSB Minutes
February 16, 2022

PRESENT:

MELISSA BRYANT
THOMAS GANDY
PATSY BOYD
PAUL MOSLEY
JENNIFER KNIGHT

SOUTHERN COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE
AT LARGE
MS ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS
CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

NOT PRESENT:

LEE MCDIVITT
TANYA FELDER
MARK RIGNEY

LAW ENFORCEMENT
TATE COUNTY, E-911 DIRECTOR
INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE

VISITORS:

EDWARD WIGGINS
JOEL BOBO
STEFANIE GRANT
TRISH HILDEBRAND
KATIE STORR
BRENT HURLEY

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
HORNE, LLP
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MS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
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The meeting was called to order by Melissa Bryant at 10:02 A.M. All quorum members were present at HORNE, LLP and via Zoom teleconference.

Board reviewed minutes of the January 19, 2022, meeting. A motion to accept the January 2022 minutes was made by Jennifer Knight and seconded by Paul Mosley. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Bobo presented Horne's financial reports for the month of January 2022. A total of \$825,861.08 in invoices and expenses was emailed and approved for payment. Patsy Boyd submitted a travel reimbursement in the amount of \$121.10 and Melissa Bryant submitted a travel reimbursement in the amount of \$67.86. A motion to accept reports and pay January 2022 invoices, within limits, and expenses, was made by Thomas Gandy seconded by Patsy Boyd. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney General's Office Report – Mr. Wiggins stated the OLRC will review the rules for existing boards but will most likely be relegated to boards who issue licenses. He is unsure if it will affect CMRS Board but will let the Board know as soon as he is given more information. He will continue to be the liaison for the CMRS Board.

Technical Committee – Thomas Gandy received contact information for carriers Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile and DISH and forwarded the information to Stefanie Grant who will email each and request a carrier audit. He also asked if there will be an agenda item for March concerning the E911 Bill. Melissa Bryant stated the Bill passed the Senate and is now in the House. It is currently referred to as a "working bill". If the Bill passes, there will be a need for a special called meeting to discuss the future of the Board.

Floor Items – Katie Storr and Brent Hurley with the MS Department of Mental Health discussed the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act (HR 4194) which was signed, in October 2020, by the president and directed the FCC to designate a three-digit telephone number, **988**, as a national universal number to serve as a suicide prevention and mental health crisis line. **988** goes live July 16, 2022. The intent is to serve as the 911 for suicide

prevention and mental health crisis services. Katie Storr stated her team is in the process of forming relationships, protocols, and training for staff.

Stefanie Grant emailed Joseph Sclafani concerning the status of board appointments and he stated they are currently at the Governor's office for approval. Melissa Bryant suggested all Board members read the new Senate Bill 2531 which contains 3 funds and different structures throughout the state. Haddox Reid is continuing to work on the audit.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday March 16, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. at the office of HORNE LLP, 661 Sunnybrook Road, Suite 100, Ridgeland, MS 39157. The in-person meeting will be at the discretion of each Board member but the option to meet via Zoom will also be available.

Being no further business, at 10:59 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Patsy Boyd and seconded by Thomas Gandy. The motion passed unanimously.